

News from the FLEET.

Being a true Account of what has occur'd therein since the Dutch Ships join'd them in their present Expedition for Brest.

With a List of the English and Dutch Ships and Guns.

25 July. 1689 Licensed July 24. 1689. J. F.

From the Fleet at Sea near Ushant, July the 13th, 1689.

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I Have often remembered my Promise to you when last together, but could not find sufficient to trouble you withall, but now am resolv'd to let you know what is currant with us; First I have sent inclosed an exact List of the Fleet, that are joyned at this Minute, both of Dutch and English Men of War, with their Fire-ships, and their order they are to fight in. Next, on the 4th Instant the *Happy-Return*, *Portsmouth*, *Dover*, and *Jersey* Frigates, were ordered by the Admiral to look into *Brest-Harbor*, to observe the French Fleet, with their number, &c. But on the 5th at brake of day, upon the Coast, they espied within Gun-shot of them a French Man of War of 18 Guns and 80 Men, (a pretty Frigate capable of carrying 36 Guns; (more of this hereafter) but as soon as she saw our Guns fire, and felt our Shot, she made all the Sail she could to escape us, she being a prime Saylor: our Ships sayling well, more especially the *Jersey-Frigate*, who plyed her well with their Fore-chace, and sometimes with whole Broadfides, she sayling afore the Wind still, plying her Stern-Chace very briskly upon our Ships, cutting our Masts and Rigging, and ours hers, from three in the Morning, untill between twelve and one at Noon, when the *Jersey* Shot had the good Fortune to shoot his Main Top-Mast and Main-yard by the Board, upon which the immediately struck her Ancient, after having chased her ten Leagues South-west in the Sea.

The French Man of War's Name is *La Villier*, Monsieur *Pickard* Commander; she was a Fire-Ship under the said Commander, at the Fight with the French upon the Coast

of Ireland, but she being almost a new Ship and a prime Saylor, they made her a Man of War, and put 18 Guns on Board, with 80 Men at *Brest* since the Fight, and sent her in all haste to *Waterford* to carry Collonel *Porter* to K. J. who its said came from *Rome*; but on her return we met with her as aforesaid, she having left three French Men of War, of about 30 and 40 Guns each, in that Harbor, who wait the Motion of the late K. James to carry him off, when put to the rout, which is expected when our Forces are landed; for the Letters do add that Ireland is but in a very bad condition to hold out against the Force of England, having neither Trade nor Money; but they have been buoyed up with false News of our not being able to appear at Sea against the French: But I am of opinion the French will not appear fairly to us; we having this Day sent into *Brest* 12 Sail of Men of War, and 4 Fire-ships, under the Command of Sir *Erausius Wheeler* in the *Rupert*, with an exquisite French-Protestant Pilot, to do what Execution they can, and to dare them out.

We have taken many Ships of the Northern, Dutch, Daneskers, &c. loaded with French Commodities, and Wine and Salt, all to be sent into *Plymouth*, amongst them one French or Irish Man bound for Ireland from France with Volunteers.

July the 15th. This day is held a Council of War on board my Lord Torrington Admirall, on Capt. *Wilford*, for contriving to carry away their Majesties Ship *Pendennis* to the late K. J. in Ireland; and on some other Officers for Misdemeaners, and as soon as I know, you shall have the Knowledge of it.

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A List of the English and Dutch Fleets.

The English Fleet.

Fireships.	Men of War.	Guns.	
	Tork ———	60	Vice Admiral.
	King-Fisher ———	46	
Robert & John.	St. David ———	54	
	Resolution ———	70	
John of Dublin.	Henrietta ———	62	Admiral.
	Jersey ———	48	
	Woolwich ———	54	Admiral.
	Advice ———	48	
Owners Love.	Edger ———	72	
Fire-Drake.	Elizabeth ———	70	
St. Paul.	Pendennis ———	70	Rear Admiral.
Enbys Tatch.	St. Alban ———	50	
	Happy-Return ———	54	Admiral.
	Diamond ———	46	
Sophia and	Montague ———	60	
Half-Moon.	Hampton-Court ———	70	
	Defiance ———	64	Admiral.
	Hampshire ———	46	

The Blew Squadron.

	Greenwich ———	54	Admiral.
	Reserve ———	50	
Cygnets.	Rupert ———	66	
	Duke ———	92	
Cadiz Merchant.	Suffolk ———	70	Admiral.
	Centurion ———	48	
Charles & Henry.	Warspite ———	70	Admiral.
	Portsmouth ———	46	

Fireships.	Men of War.	Guns.	
	Oxford ———	54	Rear Admiral.
	Tyger-Prize ———	46	
Thom. & Elizab.	Lion ———	60	
	Berwick ———	70	
Charles.	Cambridge ———	70	Admiral.
	Mordant ———	46	
	Dover ———	48	
	Plymouth ———	60	

The Dutch Fleet.

	Eendragt ———	70	Vice Admiral.
	Honfledyck ———	50	
Fregat	Harlem ———	64	
Command. Regat.	Gelderland ———	72	
Brander.	North-Holland ———	70	Admiral.
Command. Dupen.	Wapen v. Horne ———	52	
	Gasterlant ———	52	Admiral.
	Hollandia ———	70	
Fregat.	Elfwout ———	50	
Commander	West-Friezland ———	80	
Genit Groez.	Walcheren ———	70	Admiral.
Brander.	Amsterdam ———	64	
Command. Cornelis Antonisse.	Damiaten ———	36	
Command. Andois.	Schaatsershoeft ———	46	
Musje Vanger.	Cortine ———	50	Rear Admiral.
	Waerdingen ———	46	
Frigat.	Proov, Vtrecht ———	56	
Capt. Brakel.	Sierickzee ———	62	
Brander.	Gevoondeburgh ———	62	Admiral.
Com. de Gough.	Ridder Schap ———	60	
	Vrede ———	52	Admiral.
	Vrijheyt ———	72	

There is the Vice Admiral of the Blew Captain *Killegrew* expected with more Ships of War.

July the 13th, came into the Fleet about seven Sayl of Dutch Men of War and Fire-ships, their Names as yet we have not.

We expect our Vice Admiral of the Blew, and 6 or 7 third and forth Rate more, all which are needles, for the French will not appear to these we have.